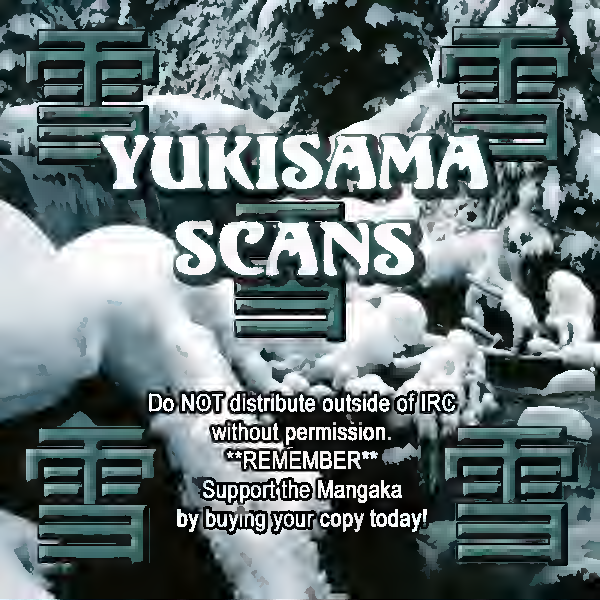
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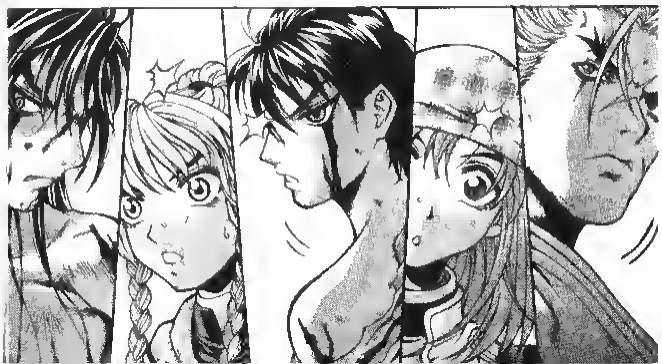

Revenge

Three hundred years ago the sorcerer Kaluthka Maybus sealed the vampire Deshwitat in limbo after killing his fiancée, Lilith. For centuries, Deshwitat's mind calculated revenge while his body slumbered until now. A band of spiritual investigators has inadvertently broken the seal that binds him and released Deshwitat to the world.

Redemption

A lot has changed since the 17th century. Carriages have bee replaced by cars, the Internet connects the world, and vampires have become the stuff of legends. But beneath the veneer of technology, magic and religion still reign supreme. Kaluthka is the most powerful person in the world, although few actually know he exists. Prophecy foretold that Kaluthka would destroy the Earth. Deshwitat's quest is now not just one of revenge, but of redemption... for himself, and the world.

Rebirth

Joined by an excommunicated exorcist and a spiritual investigator orphaned by his fangs, Deshwitat begins his bloodquest. The hunted is now the hunter.

Chapter 5: Co-existing Enemies?

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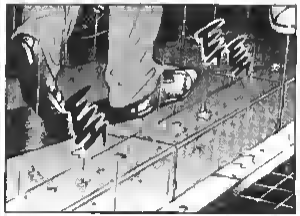

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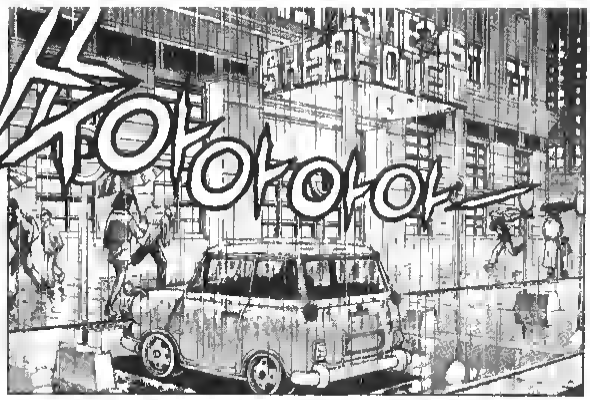
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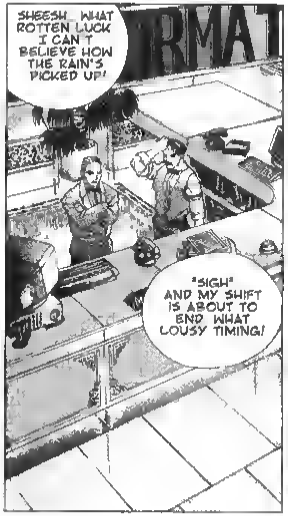
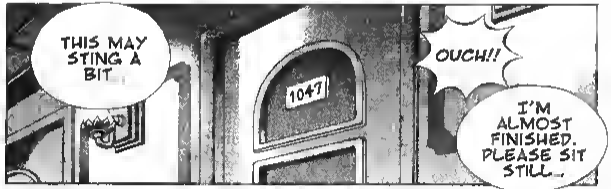

SHEESH.. WHAT ROTTEN LUCK I CAN'T BELIEVE HOW THE RAIN'S PICKED UP!
"SIGH" AND MY SHIFT IS ABOUT TO END WHAT LOUSY TIMING!

BY THE WAY WHAT'S WITH THAT PIECE OF JUNK OUTSIDE?
OH, THAT CAR? IT BELONGS TO THE GUESTS IN ROOM 1047

YOU KNOW, THE FREAKY LOOKING GUY WITH THE LONG HAIR, THE ASIAN GIRL, AND THE BLONDE WITH THE WEIRD OUTFIT THEY'RE AN ODD LITTLE TRIO..
HUH MAYBE THEY'RE IN A HEAVY METAL BAND?
THEY DIDN'T LOOK LIKE A BAND. THAT GUY'S CLOTHES WERE STRAIGHT OUT OF THE MIDDLE AGES
HAHAHA! YOU'VE GOTTA BE KIDDING!!


THIS MAY STING A BIT
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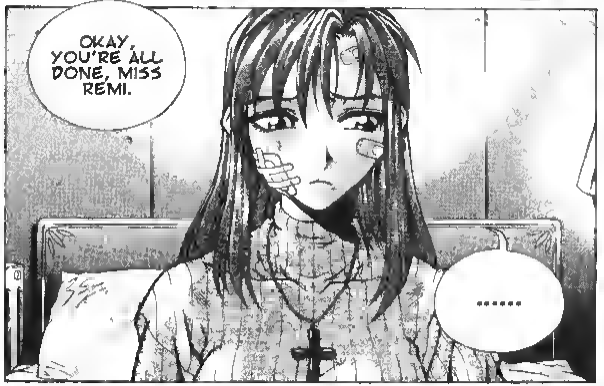
OUCH!!
I'M ALMOST FINISHED. PLEASE SIT STILL.


OKAY, YOU'RE ALL DONE, MISS REMI.
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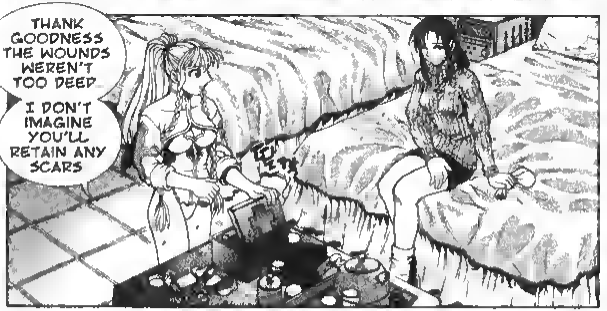
THANK GOODNESS THE WOUNDS WEREN'T TOO DEEP
I DON'T IMAGINE YOU'LL RETAIN ANY SCARS

OH DEAR, THAT'S RIGHT! IT JUST OCCURRED TO ME, WE HAVEN'T INTRODUCED OURSELVES!
YOU'RE REMI DO, RIGHT? MY NAME IS MILLENEAR MILLENEAR SHEPHILD
EMERGENCY KIT

...WHAT'S GOING ON?!

AREN'T YOU SUPPOSED TO BE AN EXORCIST?! MY FATHER JUST DIED!
YOU'RE ACTING LIKE NOTHING HAPPENED! YOU CAN'T POSSIBLY BE PLANNING TO CATER TO THAT JERK'S EVERY WHIM!
HEY... TRY TO KEEP IT QUIET.

YOU'RE SPOILING THE MOMENT.
I'D VERY MUCH APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD BOTH KEEP YOUR MOUTHS SHUT.
.....
OUT
THIS FUTURE IS FILLED WITH SUCH WONDERS. HUMANS HAVE PROVEN TO BE MORE CLEVER THAN I EVER IMAGINED.
THEY TRAVEL IN HORSELESS CARRIAGES, ILLUMINATE THE NIGHT WITH FIRE THAT DOESN'T BURN. THEY DWELL IN GREAT, TOWERING SPIRES...

357 YEARS..
...SUCH A LONG TIME.

.....
JUDGING BY YOUR EXPRESSIONS, I SHOULD PROBABLY STOP MY MUSINGS.
VERY WELL, I WANT TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR PLAN TO TEACH ME THE "POWER OF LIGHT"!

I DON'T UNDERSTAND
WHY ARE YOU, A CREATURE OF DARKNESS, SO ADAMANT ABOUT LEARNING THE POWER OF LIGHT?

ENOUGH
TAKE A GOOD LOOK AT YOUR SITUATION.
YOU'RE IN NO POSITION TO BE ASKING ME QUESTIONS.

WITH ONLY THE SLIGHTEST PROVOCATION, I COULD SLAUGHTER THAT LITTLE GIRL.
OR, MAYBE.. LET THE OLD MAN'S DUST SCATTER IN THE WIND.
IF I WERE TO DO THAT, ANY HOPE OF HIS EVENTUAL RESURRECTION WOULD DISAPPEAR
...FOREVER!

OH, YEAH? YOU, YOU JERK!! GO AHEAD THEN! GO AHEAD AND KILL ME!!
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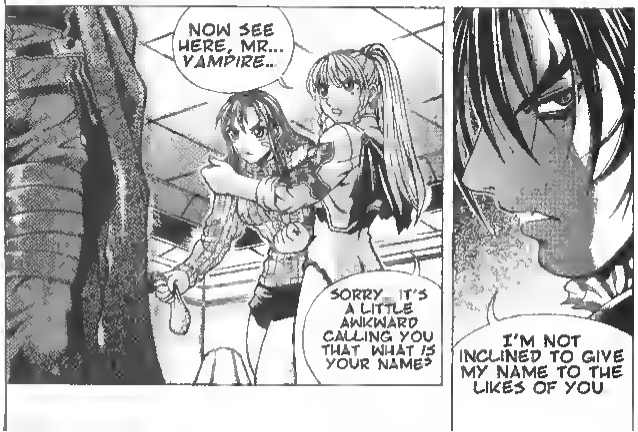
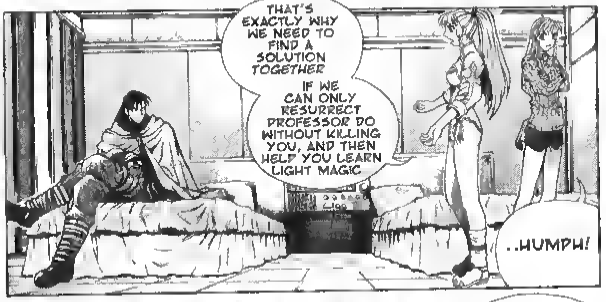
TAKE YOUR BEST SHOT!
PLEASE STOP, MISS REMI.


NOW SEE HERE, MR... VAMPIRE..
SORRY.. IT'S A LITTLE AWKWARD CALLING YOU THAT WHAT IS YOUR NAME?
I'M NOT INCLINED TO GIVE MY NAME TO THE LIKES OF YOU

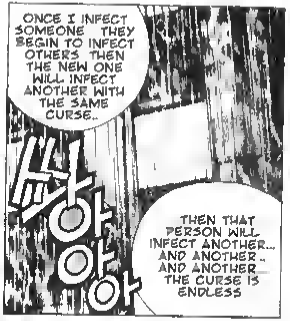
"SIGH" FINE LOOK, AREN'T WE ALL IN THE SAME BOAT HERE?
NOTHING'S GOING TO GET RESOLVED WITH YOU MAKING THREATS LIKE THAT. WE ALL NEED TO HELP EACH OTHER

NO, YOU'RE MISTAKEN IT IS YOU WHO NEED TO HELP ME
WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE ME DO? HELP YOU RESURRECT THE OLD MAN AND HASTEN MY OWN DEATH?

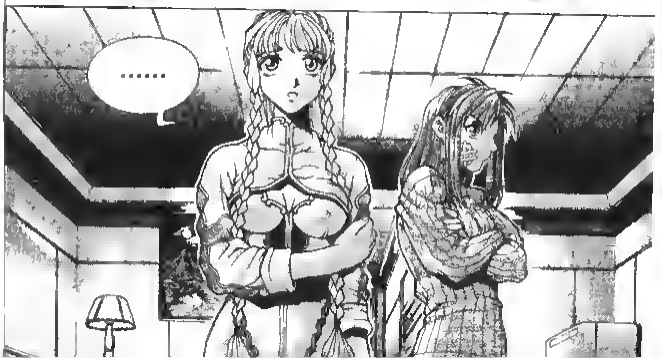

THAT'S EXACTLY WHY WE NEED TO FIND A SOLUTION TOGETHER
IF WE CAN ONLY RESURRECT PROFESSOR DO WITHOUT KILLING YOU, AND THEN HELP YOU LEARN LIGHT MAGIC
..HUMPH!

YOUR SOLUTION..
...IS IMPOSSIBLE!

THE CURSE WILL NEVER END...
...UNLESS I DIE.


ONCE I INFECT SOMEONE THEY BEGIN TO INFECT OTHERS. THEN THE NEW ONE WILL INFECT ANOTHER WITH THE SAME CURSE..
THEN THAT PERSON WILL INFECT ANOTHER.. AND ANOTHER.. AND ANOTHER... THE CURSE IS ENDLESS

I...
...DIDN'T CHOOSE TO BE BORN WITH THIS.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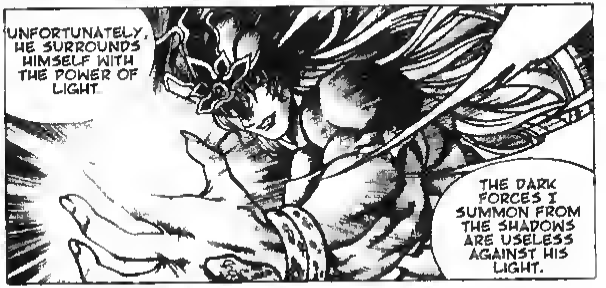
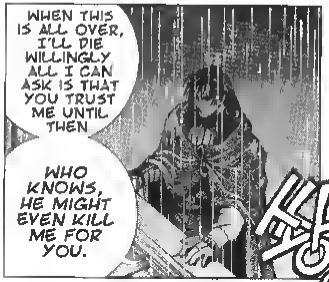
AS I'VE SAID, IN ORDER TO STOP THE CURSE...
...I MUST DIE.

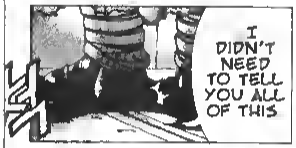
HOWEVER..
BEFORE I DIE, THERE IS SOMEONE I MUST FIRST DESTROY.

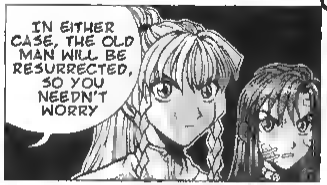

UNFORTUNATELY, HE SURROUNDS HIMSELF WITH THE POWER OF LIGHT.
THE DARK FORCES I SUMMON FROM THE SHADOWS ARE USELESS AGAINST HIS LIGHT.

SO THAT IS WHY..
...YOU WISH TO LEARN LIGHT MAGIC.

IT'S NOT MY ONLY REASON...


WHEN THIS IS ALL OVER, I'LL DIE WILLINGLY ALL I CAN ASK IS THAT YOU TRUST ME UNTIL THEN
WHO KNOWS, HE MIGHT EVEN KILL ME FOR YOU.


I DIDN'T NEED TO TELL YOU ALL OF THIS


IN EITHER CASE, THE OLD MAN WILL BE RESURRECTED, SO YOU NEEDN'T WORRY

I HAVE NO INTENTION
OF CONTINUING THIS CURSE OF IMMORTALITY NOT FOR ONE SECOND LONGER THAN NECESSARY

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ALL RIGHT. I'LL HELP YOU.

MI... MILLENEAR!
I ADMIT, I DON'T LIKE THE IDEA OF YOUR DESIRE TO KILL SOMEONE WITH IT--
...BUT AT THE MOMENT, WE SEEM TO HAVE ONLY ONE OPTION.

AND THAT IS...?

AS I'VE MENTIONED, I AM NOT CAPABLE OF TEACHING SOMEONE...
...HONESTLY, I WOULDN'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO BEGIN.

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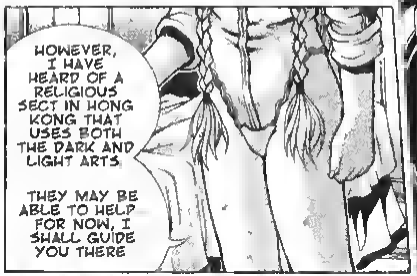
HOWEVER, I HAVE HEARD OF A RELIGIOUS SECT IN HONG KONG THAT USES BOTH THE DARK AND LIGHT ARTS.
THEY MAY BE ABLE TO HELP FOR NOW, I SHALL GUIDE YOU THERE

ARE...

ARE YOU CRAZY?! YOU'RE GOING TO HELP THE GUY WHO KILLED MY DAD?!
HE'S A MURDERER! AND YOU CALL YOURSELF A PRIEST?!
PLEASE, MISS REMI, CALM DOWN. AT THE MOMENT, THERE IS NO OTHER--

THEN I'LL FIND MY OWN WAY TO GET RID OF HIM!
I'M LEAVING!!
MISS... MISS REMI..
MISS REMI, LOOK OUT!!

...?!
SORRY, BUT I THINK I'D BETTER HOLD ON TO THIS FOR A WHILE
YOU MAY BE AN INSIGNIFICANT LITTLE CHILD, BUT I NEED TO KEEP YOU AROUND AS A MEANS OF KEEPING THE BLONDE GIRL IN LINE
MY... MY DAD'S ASHES?!
HOW DID HE...?!

YOU SCUM...!
DO IT YOUR WAY THEN, YOU JERK!!
SIGH
WELL, YOU CERTAINLY HANDLED THAT WELL.
HMPH...

DON'T WORRY. SHE'LL RETURN SHORTLY
I'M GOING TO SHOWER AND GO TO BED
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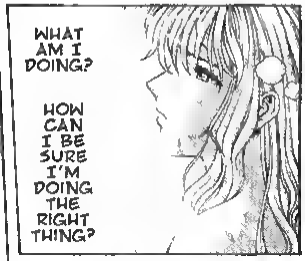
WHAT AM I DOING?
HOW CAN I BE SURE I'M DOING THE RIGHT THING?
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HEAVENLY FATHER, I JUST DON'T KNOW.
..WHAT TO DO.

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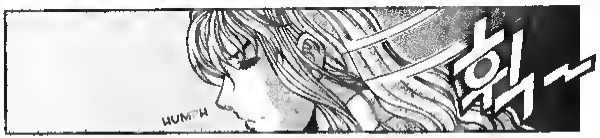
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DESHWITAT
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DESHWITAT L. RUDBICH...
IT'S MY NAME. DIDN'T YOU ASK ME WHAT IT WAS EARLIER?

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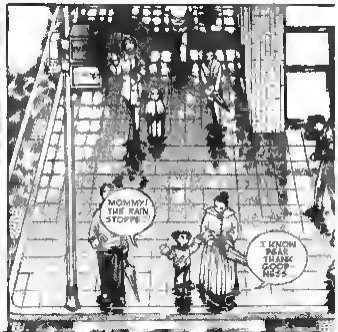
MOMMY! THE PAIN STOPPE
I KNOW PAIN THANK GOOD NESS

MILLENEAR SHEPHILD.
NICE TO MEET YOU...

...DESHWITAT.
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OLD FRIENDS

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촤앙~

OH, IS THAT GENERAL DANUBI WHO APPROACHES?
I'M IN A HURRY.
IS MASTER KAL ABOUT?

IF YOU ARE REFERRING TO MASTER KALUTIKA, HE HAS BUSINESS IN THE ADMINISTRATION CHAMBERS. HE GAVE STRICT ORDERS NOT TO BE DISTURBED
BESIDES, WE STILL NEED TO GIVE YOU OUR REPORT
I SAID I'M IN A HURRY. WE'LL DISCUSS IT LATER

OF COURSE, GENERAL DANUBI.
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FOOL!! HOLD YOUR TONGUE!
HEH.. SHE IS ONE SEXY WOMAN

SHE ISN'T CALLED THE "BLACK HAWK OF THE NORTH WIND" FOR NOTHING! IF SHE HAD OVERHEARD YOU IT WOULD HAVE BEEN YOUR DEATH
BUT.. SHE CAN'T POSSIBLY BE THAT BAD..
I WONDER WHY SHE'S IN SUCH A HURRY. SOMETHING MUST BE WRONG
WELL. SHE CAME FROM THE NEW COMBAT BUILDING 4TH DEGREE THE HIGHEST LEVEL. THERE'S NO REASON WE SHOULD KNOW WE'RE JUST PEONS

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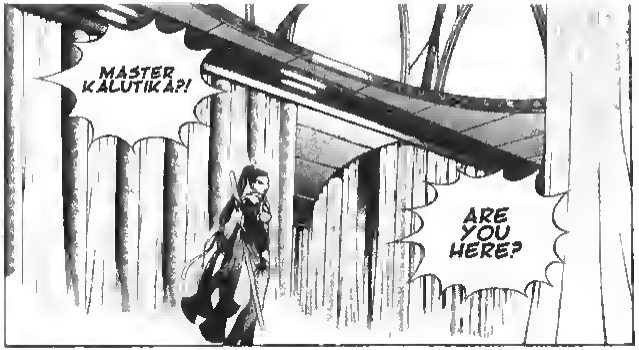
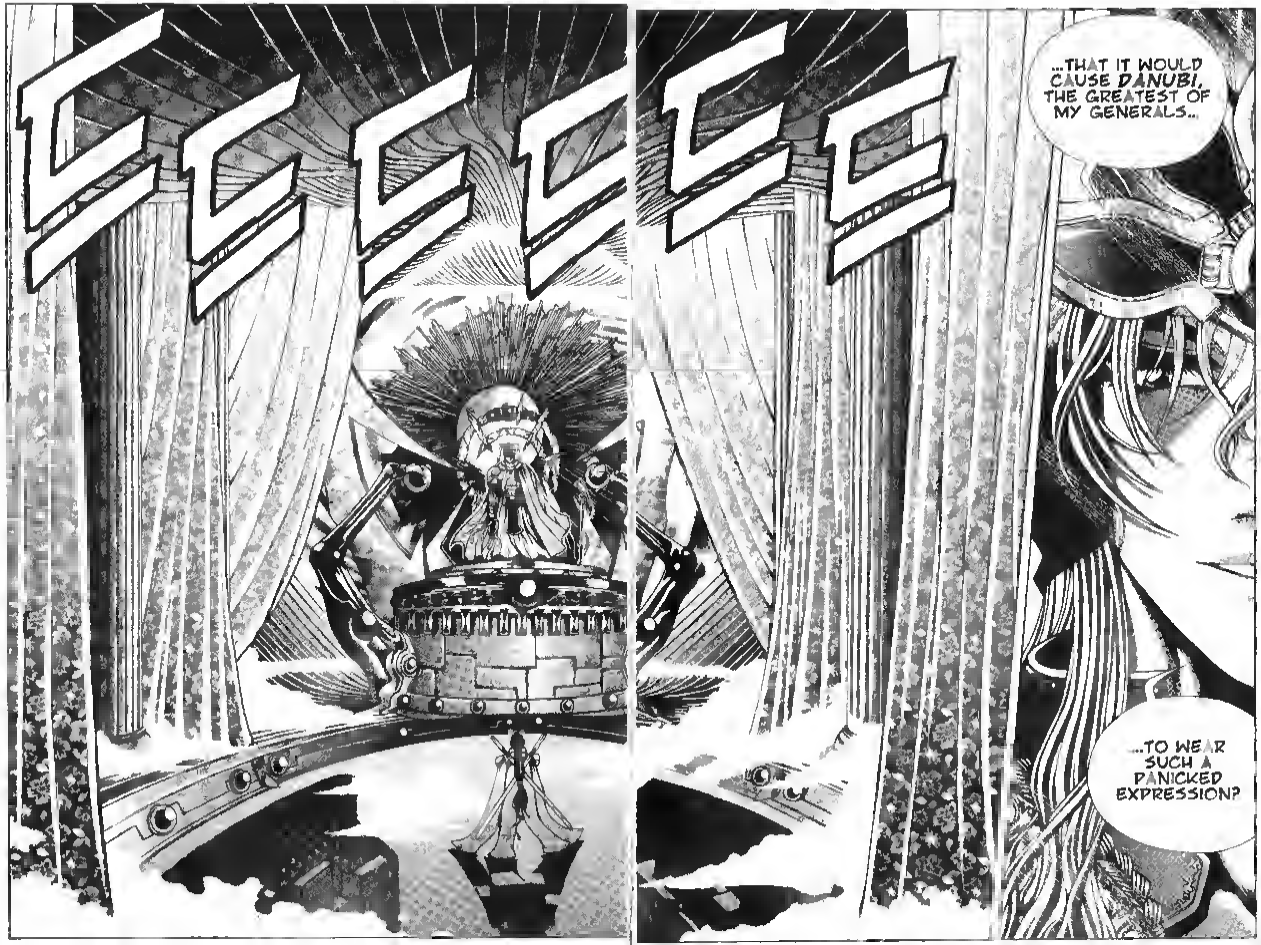

MASTER KALUTIKA?!
ARE YOU HERE?

MASTER KALUTIKA!!

YOU'RE MAKING QUITE A DIN, DANUBI

I FORGIVE ME, MASTER KALUTIKA
I KNOW YOU GAVE ORDERS NOT TO BE DISTURBED, BUT AN URGENT MATTER

REALLY?
ENLIGHTEN ME. WHAT COULD POSSIBLY BE SO URGENT?


...THAT IT WOULD CAUSE DANUBI, THE GREATEST OF MY GENERALS...
...TO WEAR SUCH A PANICKED EXPRESSION?

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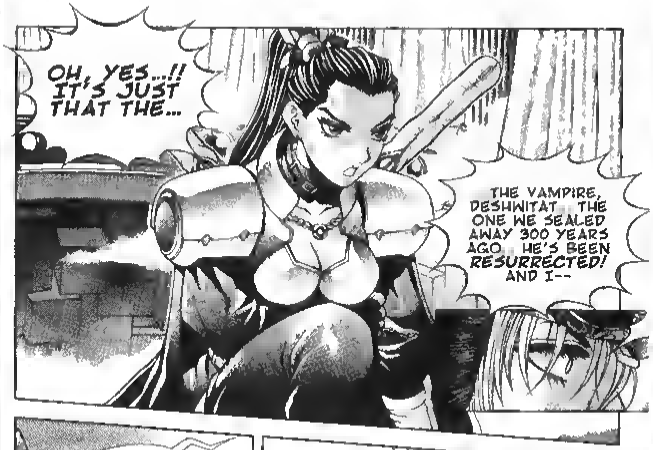
AH, AH
DIDN'T YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO TELL ME
...GENERAL DANUBI?
WHA-WHAT DOING?!


OH, YES...!! IT'S JUST THAT THE...
THE VAMPIRE, DESHWITAT... THE ONE WE SEALED AWAY 300 YEARS AGO... HE'S BEEN RESURRECTED! AND I--

357 YEARS AGO, TO BE EXACT.

THIS IS WHY YOU'RE PESTERING ME...?
SHAME ON YOU, GENERAL DANUBI.

BUT MASTER KALUTIKA...
...HE'S...

THERE ARE EXACTLY 370 VAMPIRES ON THE FACE OF THE EARTH.
HE IS BUT ONE OF THEM NOTHING MORE. NOTHING LESS

ONE OF THE MANY PAWNS OF DARKNESS
WHERE HIS TRAVELS WILL END IS PREORDAINED HIM AND ALL THE OTHER ROTTING HUMANS OF EARTH IS IT NOT?

KOO
LUFF LUFF
KOO
WE NEED ONLY FAITHFULLY ADHERE TO OUR PLANS.

BESIDES, I WOULD PREFER THAT YOU NOT HINDER YOUR OFFICIAL DUTIES BY WASTING TIME WITH SUCH USELESS TRIVIALITIES, GENERAL DANUBI

I'M SORRY, SIR.
SO... WHAT SHALL WE DO WITH HIM?
HIS LIFE WILL END SHORTLY... WHY NOT LET HIM RUN AROUND A BIT?
I MUST ADMIT, I'M CURIOUS TO SEE WHAT HE'LL DO.
I'M SURE YOU'RE EXHAUSTED FROM YOUR JOURNEY GO REST
YES. THANK YOU.
MASTER KALUTIKA.
WHAT? YOU HAVE SOMETHING ELSE TO REPORT?
UM
NO. IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME!!
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357 YEARS...
...YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN UNLUCKY, DESHWITAT.
.....

THE TIME OF DESTRUCTION DRAWS NEAR. THE WHEEL OF FATE TURNS ONCE MORE...
...WHAT DOES DESTINY HAVE IN STORE FOR US THIS TIME AROUND?

你好!
美小女的 两个人!!
饮去 吻儿 饭店?
请放心!
坐出租车吧
的我!!
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UM...I'M SORRY, MISTER, WE DON'T KNOW CHINESE.
BOOK
PORT
跟我來!!
跟我來!!

DO SOMETHING, MILLENEAR!
HOO HOO
EH
LEAVE ME OUT OF THIS. I HAVEN'T THE FAINTEST IDEA WHAT HE'S SAYING.

WELL, HE'S FINALLY GIVING UP AND LEAVING
算了,
算了!
THANK GOD.

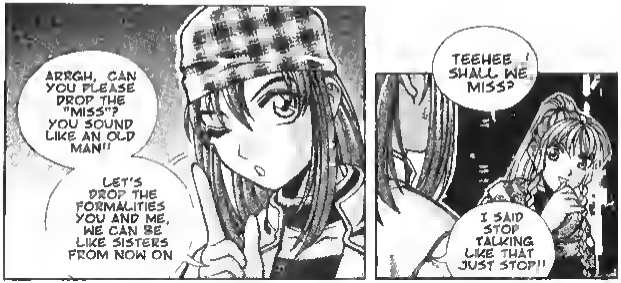
WHEW, I MUST BE CRAZY!
HEH
COMING TO HONG KONG AND WAITING THIS LONG FOR A GUY I HATE!!

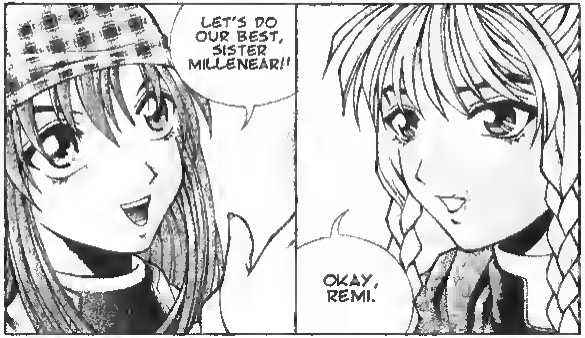
ARE YOU SURE HE WAS ON THE SAME LANE AS US? WHAT'S TAKING HIM SO LONG?
I'M POSITIVE HE WAS. IT'S JUST...

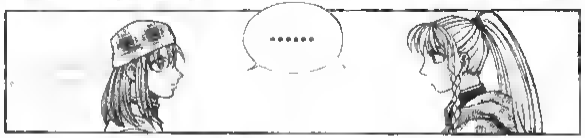
IT'S JUST, WHAT?

HE CAN'T TRAVEL WHILE THE SUN IS UP, SO HE MUST BE WAITING FOR NIGHTFALL.
HE'S TOO VULNERABLE IN THE DAYLIGHT.
IN A STRANGE WAY... I ALMOST FEEL SORRY FOR HIM.
FORCED TO TRAVEL WITH COMPANIONS WHO WISH HIM DEAD
SO... WHAT? YOU'RE TELLING ME TO "LOVE MY ENEMY"?
YOU REALLY ARE A PIECE OF WORK, MILLENEAR
.....

ARE WE JUST GOING TO HELPLESSLY SIT BACK AND DO WHATEVER HE TELLS US?
IS THERE REALLY NO WAY... OF JUST GETTING RID OF HIM?
I AM SORRY BUT FOR THE MOMENT..
.....
...DESHWITAT IS TOO STRONG FOR ME.
DON'T WORRY, MILLENEAR I KNOW YOU'RE DOING YOUR BEST.
FOR ME, AND MY DAD
THANK YOU, MISS REMI.


ARRGH, CAN YOU PLEASE DROP THE "MISS"? YOU SOUND LIKE AN OLD MAN!!
LET'S DROP THE FORMALITIES YOU AND ME, WE CAN BE LIKE SISTERS FROM NOW ON
TEEHEE ! SHALL WE MISS?
I SAID STOP TALKING LIKE THAT JUST STOP!!


LET'S DO OUR BEST, SISTER MILLENEAR!!
OKAY, REMI.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HAHAHA! I FEEL STRANGELY GIDDY!!
HOHO! ME TOO!!

SHEESH, WHAT IS TAKING THIS GUY SO LONG?
IT'S ALREADY WAY PAST OUR MEETING TIME!!

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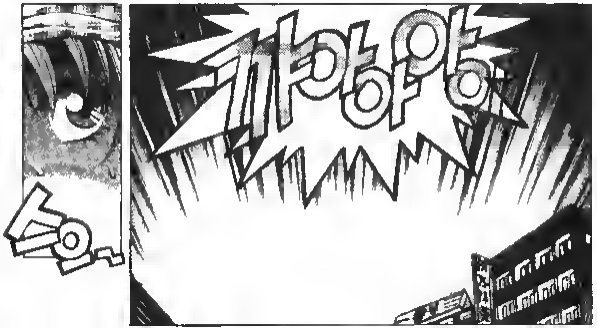
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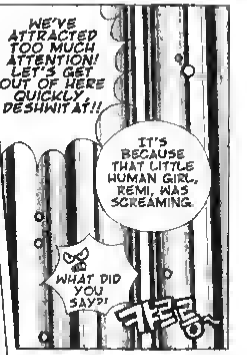
DON'T POP OUT OF NOWHERE LIKE THAT, YOU JERK! I THOUGHT MY HEART WAS GONNA STOP!!
AND JUST WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO ALL THIS TIME?
AH...!
...WHAT?

She's such a pesky child
DIDN'T YOU SAY MY CLOTHES MADE ME STAND OUT?
I WENT OUT TO GET SOME MODERN HUMAN CLOTHES IT TOOK SOME TIME


WE'VE ATTRACTED TOO MUCH ATTENTION! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE QUICKLY, DESHWITA!!
IT'S BECAUSE THAT LITTLE HUMAN GIRL, REMI, WAS SCREAMING.
WHAT DID YOU SAY?!

NEVER MIND. LET'S BE OFF!!

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ARE WE THERE YET, MILLENEAR?
AH, UM... WELL...
I THINK WE'RE ALMOST THERE ACCORDING TO THE MAP...
.....
..IT SHOULD BE AROUND HERE SOMEWHERE, BUT I DON'T SEE ANYTHING...
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WELCOME TO TEMPLE YOUNG SUNG.
MILLENEAR SHEPHILD. REMI DO.
...?!
AND...
...DESHWITAT L. RUDBICH.
AH_ UM_ SO_ I GUESS YOU WERE KINDA EXPECTING US, MR.MONKLING.
BUT, HOW DID YOU KNOW OUR
YES, MISS DO. THE HEAD MONK ASKED THAT I WAIT FOR THE ARRIVAL OF THE THREE OF YOU
NOW, IF YOU PLEASE. FOLLOW ME.

KINDLY WAIT IN HERE.
GULP
UM, MILLENEAR? THIS PLACE IS REALLY SPOOKY..
ALL TEMPLES SEEM THAT WAY AT FIRST. EVERYTHING IS FINE.
!?
OH!
LOOK! ANOTHER GROUP OF PEOPLE!
THEY MUST BE GUESTS, TOO!
Hello, fellow journeyman
Wow! You look younger than I, an' but you feel so much more powerful!
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HUMPH!
WHAT REMARKABLE SIMILARITIES
ONE LIGHT, ONE DARK AND ONE GOOD-FOR-NOTHING
EXPLANATION
LIGHT
DARK
I SEE
GIVES OFF THE DARK VIBE
WHAT?
...WHAT... DID...YOU ...SAY?!
YOU JERK!!
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HERE WE ARE.
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THERE'S NOBODY HERE. WHAT'S GOING ON, MONKLING?
STOP YOUR GRUMBLING...
...THAT CHILD WASN'T REAL, ANYWAY.

NOT...
REAL...?!
SHH! STAY SILENT, REMI. BE CAREFUL.
I SENSE A TREMENDOUS ENERGY CLOSE BY

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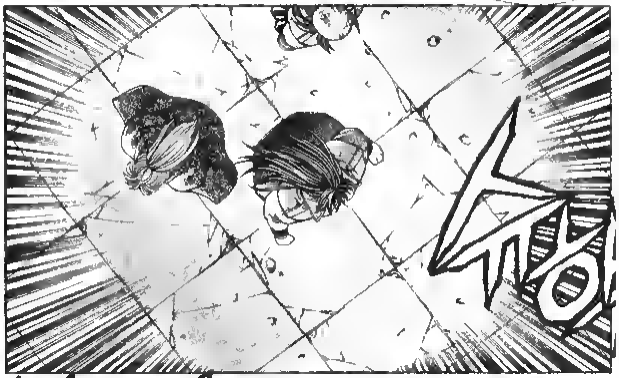
Why are they acting so weird?

AREN'T YOU A LITTLE OLD TO BE PLAYING HIDE-AND-SEEK?
NOW, STOP BEING SO CHILDISH AND SHOW YOURSELF!



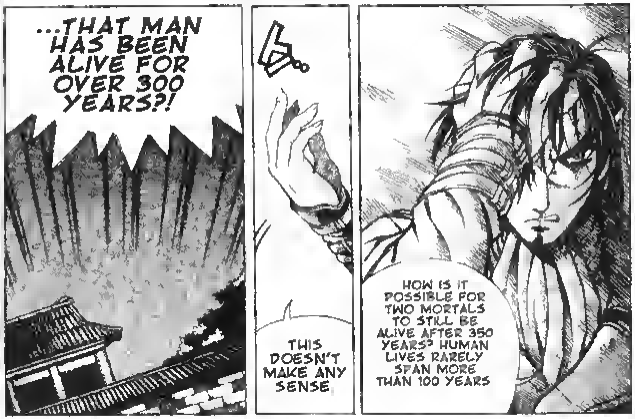
PATHETIC. IF YOU REALLY WANT TO CUT ME, YOU'LL NEED TO FIND A SHARPER BLA--

NO... RETT?!
IT'S BEEN 357 YEARS, DESH AND YOU'VE ONLY MANAGED TO GRAB TWO NEW PRETTY YOUNG LADIES SINCE I LAST SAW YOU. YOU'RE AS TALENTED AS EVER

HYA!

He He
WHAT'S THAT RIDICULOUS EXPRESSION ON YOUR FACE?
THAT ATTACK WAS A LITTLE JOKE, FOR OLD TIME'S SAKE.
I THINK THEY KNOW EACH OTHER!
YES... BUT...BUT THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!!

THINK ABOUT IT. DESHWITAT HAS BEEN SEALED AWAY FOR 357 YEARS
DURING THAT TIME, HE'S HAD CONTACT WITH NO ONE. SO HOW CAN HE POSSIBLY KNOW ANYBODY?
HUH? THEN...THAT WOULD MEAN...


...THAT MAN HAS BEEN ALIVE FOR OVER 300 YEARS?!
THIS DOESN'T MAKE ANY SENSE
HOW IS IT POSSIBLE FOR TWO MORTALS TO STILL BE ALIVE AFTER 350 YEARS? HUMAN LIVES RARELY SPAN MORE THAN 100 YEARS

HUH? TWO MORTALS?
WAIT A SECOND. I HAVE SOMEONE I WANT YOU TO MEET
BERYUN!! GET OUT HERE AND INTRODUCE YOURSELF!!
I THINK THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH OUR ORDERS! THIS MAN IS AN OLD FRIEND!!

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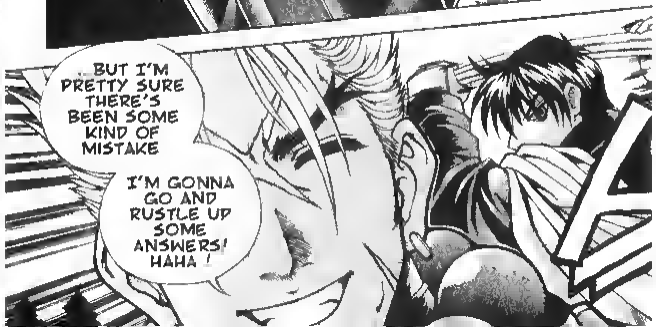
LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TWO, DESH THIS IS MY COLLEAGUE, BERYUN

TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, WE HAD ORDERS FROM THE HEAD MONK TO ELIMINATE YOU...


...BUT I'M PRETTY SURE THERE'S BEEN SOME KIND OF MISTAKE
I'M GONNA GO AND RUSTLE UP SOME ANSWERS! HAHA!
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HUH?
KAHK!!
RETT!! WATCH OUT!!
KHK...!!

KHH... BERYUN... WHY ARE YOU...
THE PUNISHMENT FOR INSUBORD-INATION...
...IS DEATH!!
RETT!!

YOU'RE NEXT.
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SPAWN OF THE GREAT SPIRIT, BLOOD-DEMON DESHWITAT!!

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CHAPTER 7
TEMPLE YOUNG SUNG

YOU'RE NEXT.
SPAWN OF THE GREAT SPIRIT
SPAWN OF THE GREAT SPIRIT, BLOOD-DEMON DESHWITAT!!
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...SHH!!
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휘이이이이잉-

PLEASE WAIT A MINUTE, DESHWITAT!! WE DID NOT COME HERE TO FIGHT!!
I BELIEVE THE MONK MISUNDERSTOOD OUR INTENTIONS CAN WE PLEASE ALL CALM DOWN AND TALK ABOUT IT?!

MOVE OR DO YOU WANT TO BE BURNT TO ASHES FIRST?
HOW-- HOW COULD YOU!!
JEEZ, FORGET ABOUT HIM YOU CAN'T TALK ANY SENSE INTO A GUY LIKE THAT
JUST LET HIM PICK A FIGHT AND GET HIMSELF KILLED IT'LL BE TO OUR ADVANTAGE ANYWAY!
BUT... BUT...

CREATURE OF THE DARK, BLOOD-DEMON DESHWITAT

...BECAUSE OF YOU, THIS WORLD WILL BE TORN FROM ITS FATED COURSE AND CAST ADRIFT.
LIGHT AND DARKNESS, THE BALANCE OF THESE ENERGIES WILL BE IRREVOCABLY DESTROYED

I HAVE NOTHING AGAINST YOU PERSONALLY. HOWEVER...
...TO MAINTAIN BALANCE IN THIS WORLD, I MUST KILL Y--

HUMPH!!

DO YOU EXPECT TO KILL ME WITH SPEECHES?

DIE!
BLOOD BEAM!!
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ANOTHER PERSON HAS DIED AT THAT DEMON'S HANDS.
...!!
UM... IS IT OVER..?
EVERY TIME I SEE IT, I AM STUNNED...
BY HIS EXTRAORDINARY SPEED AND DEADLY ACCURACY
...IS HIS HEARTLESS CRUELTY.
BUT THE MOST TERRIFYING ASPECT ABOUT HIM
IN THE NAME OF GOD ALMIGHTY
. ONE DAY, I WILL PUT AN END TO HIS EVIL.

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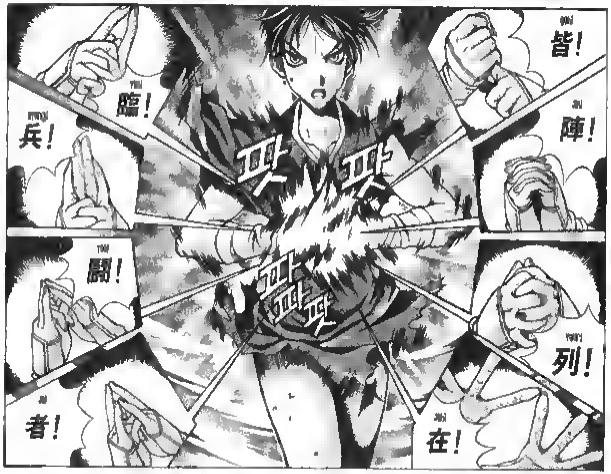
.....
RETT, IF YOU'RE ALIVE, GET UP.
WE HAVE MUCH TO TALK ABOUT.

THAT'S ENOUGH, DESHWITA!! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING TO THAT POOR INJURED MAN?!
JEEZ GIVE IT UP IT'S JUST THE KIND OF CREEP HE IS
.....
SPARE ME YOUR HYPOCRISY
YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW HIM, SO STOP FEIGNING CONCERN!
OR IS THIS ONE OF THOSE COMPASSIONATE EMOTIONAL OUTBURSTS THAT OVERFLOW FROM YOUR FERVENT FAITH?
DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH
.....

KHHK!!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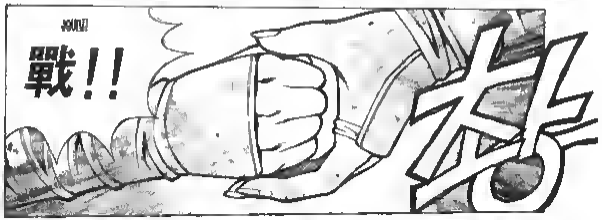
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EXCELLENT !!!
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KHH!!

KHU-
DAMN!!
OH, CRUD... HE'S STILL ALIVE!
唔!!
迦羅地野
婆婆訶!!
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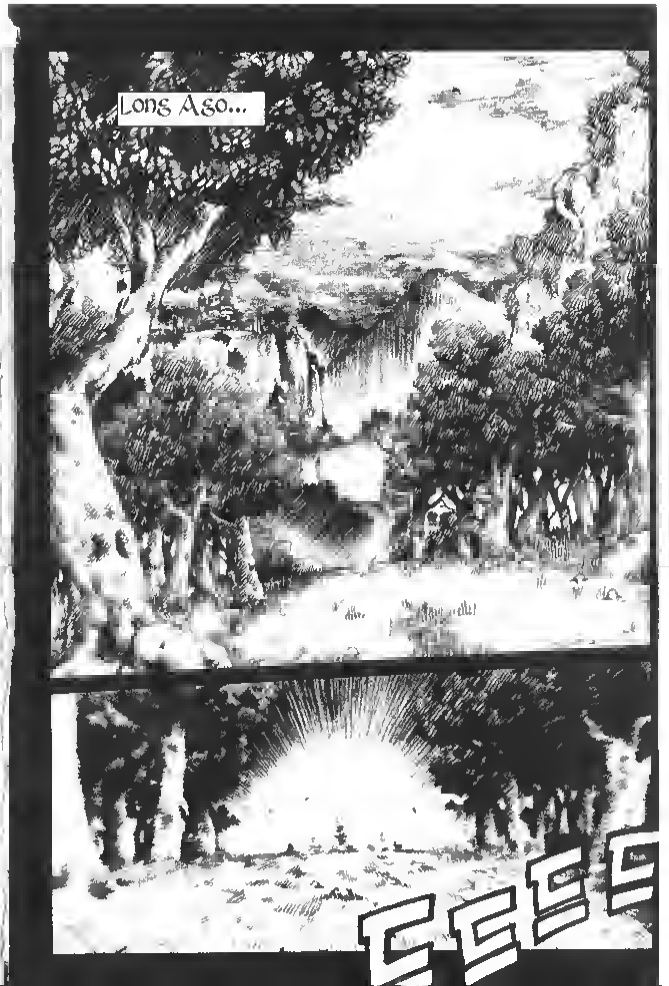
SHE DID IT!!
UM... I DON'T THINK SO, REM!!

I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST FIGHTING DIRTY, BUT NOW I UNDERSTAND.
HAHAHA! YES... I SEE.

YOU'RE...
...NOT HUMAN.
.....
WHA-- WHAT IS HE TALKING ABOUT, MILLENEAR? SHE'S NOT HUMAN...?
I'M NOT SURE, EITHER...
...BUT I SENSE NO HUMAN SOUL IN THAT MONK.
ACTUALLY, I DON'T EVEN SENSE A SOUL..
...OR ANYTHING ELSE.
THERE'S NOTHING INSIDE HER!
HM...
BUT SINCE YOU MENTION IT...
I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT SHE'S TALKING ABOUT
...MILLENEAR, ARE YOU ONE OF THEM?!
I'M HUMAN!!
A MAGIC FEATHER, A BEAM OF LIGHT... CAME OUT OF YOUR HANDS

UH.. UGH..
!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
I wonder if he's a Buddhist monk!
KHHK...
KA... KAL... YOU BASTARD..
...WHY?
DID HE JUST SAY.. KAL..?!
DAMN IT!! WHY IS IT RED?!
WHAT HAVE YOU DONE, KAL?!!


Long Ago...

CAPTAIN RETT, HOW MUCH FURTHER?!
STAY QUIET AND FOLLOW ME! WE'RE ALMOST THERE!
TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE!!
THE MEETING PLACE IS RIGHT OVER THERE!!
JUST AROUND THESE BUSHES!!
"NEIGH"
...!!
THAT'S DESH AND LILITH'S WAGON!!
IT WAS...
DESH, WHAT HAPPENED?!

A BRILLIANT BEAUTIFUL LIGHT.
BRIGHTER THAN THE SUN...
BRILLIANT ENOUGH TO LIGHT THE DARKEST CORNERS OF THE WORLD...

EVERYONE IN FORMATION! WE'RE GOING TOWARD IT!!
BEAUTIFUL... AND MIGHTY
YES, SIR!!
LIGHT...!!
NO... LILITH!!
SIR... CAPTAIN RETT LOOK! OVER THERE...!!
WHAT IS IT?
SOB HOW COULD THIS HAVE...

DESHWITAT!!
DESH! WHAT'S GOING ON?
WH-- WHAT?!

OFF

OH, DEAR... SUCH A TRAGIC SCENE.
ARE YOU STILL HOBBLING AROUND THIS PUTRID EARTH, RETT?

CAPTAIN KAL?!
WHAT'S GOING ON? HE'S... HE'S FLOATING IN MID-AIR!
CAPTAIN KAL!!
WHAT? SPEAK UP. I CAN'T HEAR YOU.
ARE YOU RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS...?
...KAL?
I ASKED IF THIS WAS YOUR DOING!!

OH.
HUMPH! WHO ARE YOU?
.....

MASTER KALUTIKA, WE'RE RUNNING SHORT OF TIME...
...ALL RIGHT...
DANUBI, DO WHATEVER YOU LIKE, JUST DON'T KILL HIM.
KHHH...!!

NO! CAPTAIN RETT!!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
IDIOTS!!! STAY BACK!!
WE DON'T NEED THESE...
...VERMIN!!
KEHH!!
AHHK!!

...!!
NO...
...DAMN IT!!
PITY... I WONDER WHY HUMANS WERE MADE TO BE SO FRAGILE? YOU LOOK INTO DEATH'S ABYSS BEFORE YOU HAVE A CHANCE TO LIVE...
UHHK! KAL... YOU BASTARD!!
AH, RETT. SINCE YOU'RE AN OLD FRIEND...
I'M GOING TO HELP YOU TAKE A SMALL STEP BEYOND THIS POINTLESS HUMAN EXISTENCE
HUH?! MASTER KALUTIKA WHAT MAGIC IS THIS?!

KAL... YOU BASTARD WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
WHY... I'VE GIVEN YOU A GIFT I'M GOING TO LET YOU SEE THE END OF THE WORLD
PITIFUL AS YOU ARE, YOU NEVER WOULD HAVE HAD THE STAMINA FOR IT.

ENJOY...
...YOUR ETERNAL SUFFERING...
...AND THE WRETCHED DESPAIR...
...OF THE END OF DAYS!
KAL...
COME BACK HERE, YOU BASTARD!!
KAL...

KAL!!
EEEK!
AH!!

YEEEEE EEEEE!!
Watch it with the touchy feel buster!
OOF!!

FORGIVE ME, FATHER
FOR WHAT I HAVE DONE
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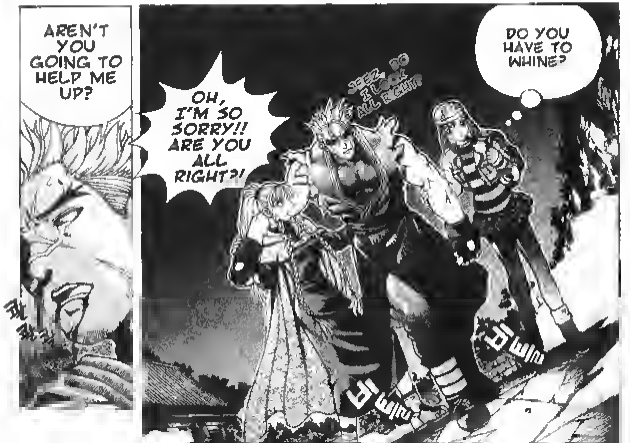
AREN'T YOU GOING TO HELP ME UP?
OH, I'M SO SORRY!! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?!
DO YOU HAVE TO WHINE?

KHH-- ARE YOU AN EXORCIST?
HUH? OH, YES. YES, I AM.
OH... I SEE.. BUT TELL ME, WHY DOES A CLERIC...
...HAVE SUCH LARGE BREASTS?
HUH?
WHAT DOES THAT HAVE TO DO WITH ME BEING A CLERIC?!
WELL... NOTHING, REALLY IT'S JUST, THEY'RE REALLY-
THIS ISN'T THE TIME FOR BAD JOKES!!
OH YEAH, DESH!
WHERE'S DESHWITAT?

HUH?!

BLACK FIRE OF THE DARK MAGIC! MY ENEMY STANDS BEFORE ME...
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即那即迦禮
娑婆訶!
BURN HER!
娑婆訶!

FIGHTING LIKE CATS AND DOGS!!
I REALIZE THE TWO OF YOU ARE FRIENDS BUT DESHNITAT IS A CREATURE OF EVIL AND DARKNESS! HE MUST BE DESTROYED!!
.....
I THINK YOU BETRAY YOUR OWN BIGOTRY
WHAT?!
"EVIL" AND "DARKNESS"...
...ARE NOT SYNONYMOUS.

BUT— WAIT A SECOND, WHERE ARE YOU GOING? YOU'RE HURT!
IT'S GOOD TO TALK OF PEACE, BUT FIRST YOU'VE GOT TO END THE FIGHTING.
I'M GOING TO GO STOP THE FIGHT.

REBIRTH

CHAPTER 8:
CANCELED ORDERS
HUHUHUH...! GO ON.. FIGHT.
AND THEN, DIE.
AS LONG AS HE DIES, THE WORLD WILL CONTINUE ON ITS PREORDAINED COURSE
I WILL NOT HAVE CHANGE. EVERYTHING MUST REMAIN THE SAME!!
I DON'T BELIEVE I GAVE THOSE ORDERS, PRIEST JUNSUK..!
GASP
YOU... IT'S YOU!!

HYAA!!
KHH!!
KYAH!!

THAT... THAT WAS A DIRECT HIT!! HE CAN'T HAVE SURVIVED!!
HRUMPH...
화르륵
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번쩍

HUMPH. YOU'RE TOUGH AS NAILS.
EITHER THAT, OR CRAZY. BUT IF YOU'RE THIS DESPERATE TO DIE..
...I'LL GLADLY OBLIGE!!
THAT'S ENOUGH, DESH!
RETT?!

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SAME GOES FOR YOU, BERYUN!
THIS BATTLE IS POINTLESS!!

IF YOU STOP NOW, I MAY FORGIVE YOU FOR HITTING ME FROM BEHIND. JUST GIVE ME A KISS AND WE'RE EVEN!!
WHAT'S WITH THE BREAST MASTER?! HE LOOKS MAD, BUT HE SOUNDS LIKE HE'S KIDDING!!
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DESH, I KNOW YOU'VE GOT A NASTY TEMPER, BUT FOR ONCE, JUST HEAR ME OUT.
HUH?
UM... DESH... YOUR... YOUR RING...?!
...IT'S RED!
SHK

YOU'RE RIGHT, RETT. I DO HAVE A NASTY TEMPER.
AND ONCE A FIGHT IS STARTED, I WON'T BACK DOWN
WHETHER MY OPPONENT IS A FOOL OR A MONK...
...OR THAT BASTARD KAL!!

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喝!
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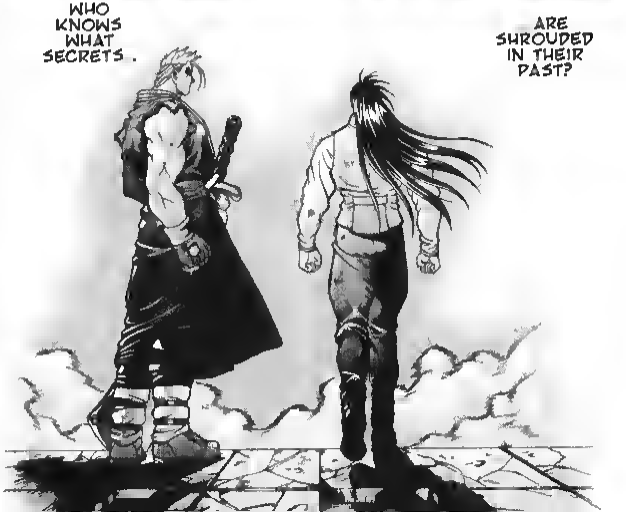
SHE'S WAITING FOR ROUND TWO WE'LL TALK LATER. I KNOW WE HAVE A LOT TO DISCUSS.. NOW STAND ASIDE.

DESH...

WHAT'S GOING ON? WHAT'S SO SPECIAL ABOUT THAT RING?!
STUPID APPRENTICE MASTER
TOO

THE 6 IS DEFINITELY SOMETHING SPECIAL ABOUT THAT ...ING.
NO... IT'S NOT JUST THE RING.
A MAN NAMED "...ET", WHO HAS LIVED TO OVER 300 Y...RS...
DESHWITAT, RELEASED FROM BONDAGE AFTER 357 YEARS... WITH AN AURA THAT RADIATES NOTHING BUT ANGE... AND S...DNESS...
THE COLOR OF DESHWITAT'S ...ING... THE MAN NAMED KAE... IT'S ALL SUCH A MYSTERY.


WHO KNOWS WHAT SECRETS.
ARE SHROUDED IN THEIR PAST?

WOW, LOOK OVER THERE, MILLENEAR!! THAT MONK LOOKS LIKE SHE'S ABOUT TO DO SOMETHING AMAZING!
HUH?

IT'S A VORTEX OF MULTIPLE POWERFUL ENERGIES!!
NO, THAT'S..

...A SUMMONING SPELL!!

唵!
阿蹼迦尾會左那
摩訶母那羅
摩尼婆那摩
阿婆羅婆羅
密多野叶!!

I SEE I'VE UNDERESTIMATED YOU. MY APOLOGIES
FROM THIS POINT ON...
I'LL GIVE YOU EVERYTHING YOU DESERVE!!

DESHWITAT IS COUNTERING WITH HIS OWN SUMMONING!!
"GASP" I-- ISN'T THAT THE THING WITH ALL THE MONSTERS? JACK SOMETHING OR OTHER?
LADIES, TAKE COVER!!
I THINK THIS IS THE GRAND FINALE!!

唵!
阿謨迦尾魯左那
摩訶母那羅
摩尼婆那摩
阿婆羅婆羅
密多野吽!!

BORN INTO DARKNESS, LIVING IN DARKNESS, 'TIL DEATH IN DARKNESS. THE SIX BROTHERS IN SHADOW...
...I COMMAND YOU, BY YOUR UNHOLY OATHS, OPEN THE GATES TO THIS WORLD AND DESTROY MY ENEMIES!!

百鬼夜行!!

ABBADON'S KISS!!

AHH... MILLENEAR?!
NO! MY SHIELD!!
OH, OH, NO.
THIS IS DANGEROUS! WE'RE TOO CLOSE!!

GASP
AHH!!
ROAR
HYAAAA!!
IT'S THE BREAST MASTER!!
I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU LADIES TO TAKE COVER
And stop calling me that

KHH!!
...!!

HUFF
HUFF
HUFF

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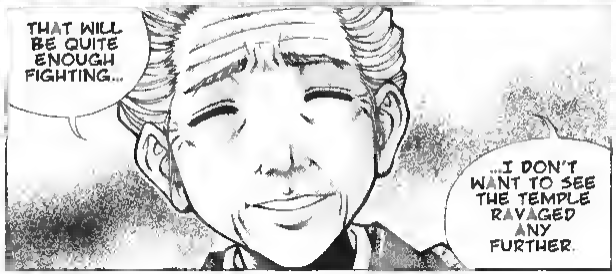
THAT WILL BE QUITE ENOUGH FIGHTING...
...I DON'T WANT TO SEE THE TEMPLE RAVAGED ANY FURTHER.

MASTER TAE!!

WHEW, A LITTLE LONGER AND IT WOULD HAVE BEEN TOO LATE, MASTER TAE.

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PLEASE, DISPEL YOUR ANIMOSITY, DESHWITAT.
IT WAS OUR MISTAKE FOR ATTACKING YOU. PLEASE FORGIVE...

NO !! HE'S A SPAWN OF THE GREAT SPIRIT! HE MUST DIE!!
FATE MUST CONTINUE ON ITS COURSE! EVERYTHING MUST REMAIN THE SAME! KILL HIM, BERYUN!!!

I SEE YOU STILL HAVEN'T LEARNED YOUR LESSON, JUNSUK!!
KUEHK!!
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WOW! THAT GRANNY IS HARD CORE!!
SUCH TREMENDOUS ENERGY!!
I MUST APOLOGIZE TO YOU, RETT
IT SEEMS JUNSUK GAVE FALSE ORDERS WHILE I WAS AWAY
I DID NOT ORDER DESHWITAT'S DEATH.
BERYUN, YOU MAY STAND DOWN NOW
YES
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...HUHUHUHU...
...HEHEHE!!
HAHAHAHAHA!!
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.....
HAHAHA ! I'M SORRY I DIDN'T MEAN TO LOSE MY COMPOSURE, IT'S JUST...
...YOU PEOPLE ARE SO AMUSING.
ANYWAY, THANKS IT'S BEEN 357 YEARS SINCE I LAST LAUGHED.
HE'S FINALLY GONE NUTS...

OH, YOU'RE FUNNY ALL RIGHT. YOU ATTACK ME, CALL ME THE SPAWN OF THE GREAT SPIRIT...
...AND NOW YOU SAY "FORGET ABOUT IT," AND THAT IT WAS ALL A BIG MISTAKE?
WELL, I'M TERRIBLY SORRY, BUT...
...THAT'S NOT GONNA HAPPEN!!
I THINK YOU NEED SOME TIME TO CALM DOWN...
...DESHWITAT

UH. WHAT? I'M BY A MERE HUMAN?

SWEET!! WE WON! NOW'S OUR CHANCE TO GET RID OF THE JERK!!
NO... WE CAN'T DO THAT, REMI.
BUT... WHY NOT?!
HE'S AN EVIL VAMPIRE! HE KILLED MY FATHER!!
YES I HAVE SOME UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED BETWEEN YOU TWO AMONG ALL OF YOU. STILL, WE CANNOT KILL DESHWITAT
YOU SEE

CONTINUED IN REBIRTH - VOLUME 3

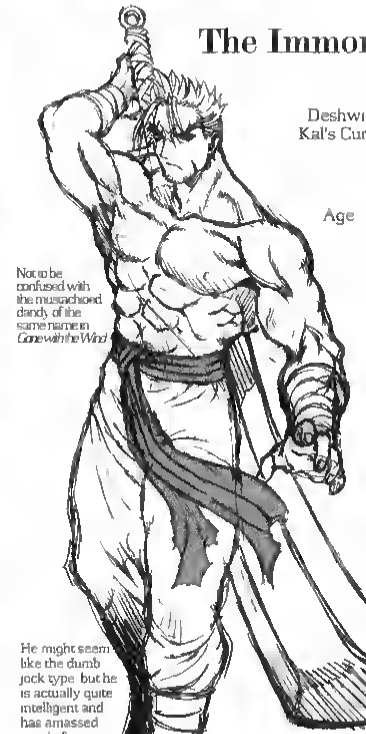
From the desk of Woo:

The Immortal Swordsman, Rett Butler

Deshwitat's friend, Rett has been under Kal's Curse of Immortality for 357 years.

Nationality: British
Height: 6' 4"
Weight: 225 lbs
Age: He was cursed at the age of 32, which now makes him 389

Not to be confused with the mustachioed dandy of the same name in *Gone with the Wind*.



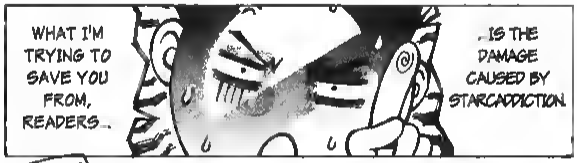
I enjoy drawing the musculature, but something always seems slightly off. Could it be my lack of skill?

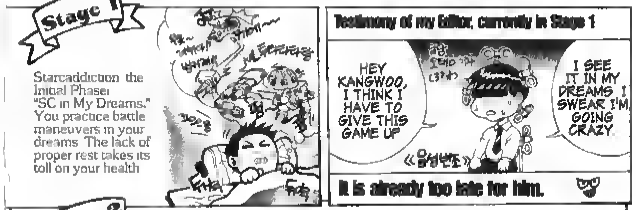
He might seem like the dumb jock type but he is actually quite intelligent and has amassed nearly four hundred years of wisdom.

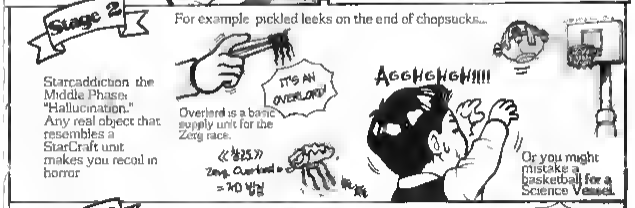
He sports an earring, a detail I seem to forget all too often.

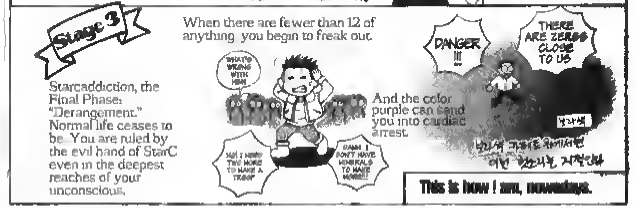
It's name was...

STARCRAFT

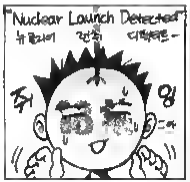



Stage 1
Starcaddiction the Initial Phase: "SC in My Dreams." You practice battle maneuvers in your dreams. The lack of proper rest takes its toll on your health
Testimony of my Editor, currently in Stage 1
HEY KANGWOO, I THINK I HAVE TO GIVE THIS GAME UP
I SEE IT IN MY DREAMS. I SWEAR I'M GOING CRAZY.
It is already too late for him.


Stage 2
Starcaddiction the Middle Phase: "Hallucination." Any real object that resembles a StarCraft unit makes you recoil in horror
For example pickled leeks on the end of chopsucks...
IT'S AN OVERLORD!
Overlord is a basic supply unit for the Zerg race.
AGGHGHGH!!!!
Or you might mistake a basketball for a Science Vessel.


Stage 3
Starcaddiction, the Final Phase: "Derangement." Normal life ceases to be. You are ruled by the evil hand of StarC even in the deepest reaches of your unconscious.
When there are fewer than 12 of anything you begin to freak out.
DANGER!!!
THERE ARE ZERGS CLOSE TO US
WHAT'S WRONG WITH HIM!
HAH, I WON'T HAVE MINERALS TO MAKE MARINES!
This is how I am, nowadays.

WELL, THIS WAS FUN, BUT I THINK I SHANT BE RETURNING TO LEE KANGWOO'S GAME ROOM IN THE NEXT VOLUME. I FREE MYSELF FROM THIS CURSE



Flying Lotus Blossoms, Beryun

This is a weapon without a verified name. It's neither Diamond Sutra nor a Taoist weapon, but I did consult a book called Mandala

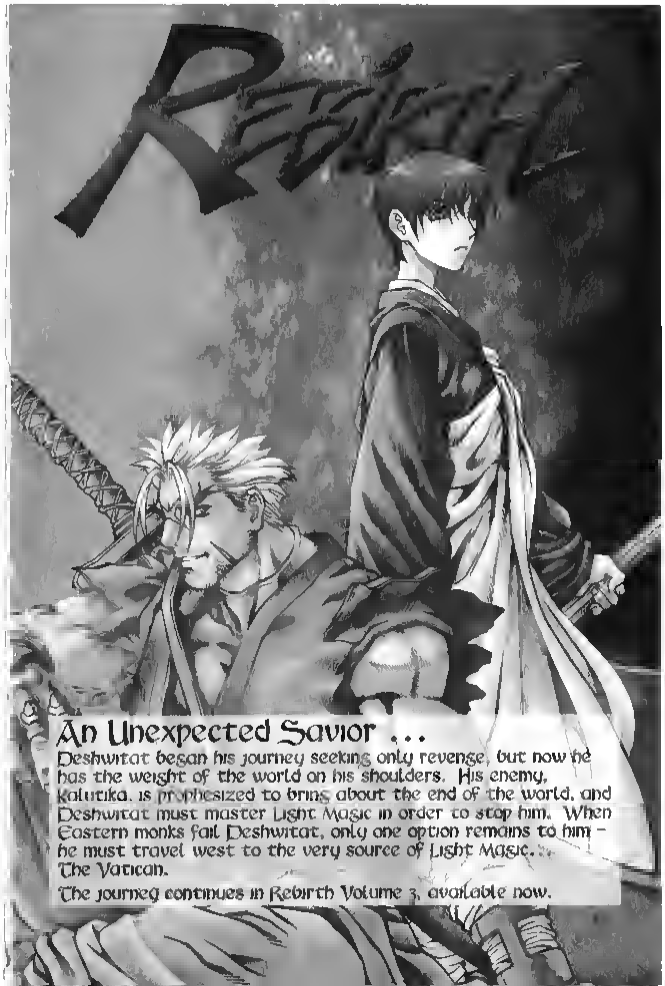
Height: 5'6"
Weight: 102 lbs
One reader asked me what her measurements are. I don't know much about what's right, but someone said that 36-24-36 is ideal, so let's go with that

She's easy to draw because she lacks facial expressions.

I had a female version of Deshwitat in mind, but somehow she became.

Many readers comment that she's similar to the character of Bon from Island Magic. Both of them use esoteric, existential spells.

In the last volume, Deshwitat told Beryun that she is not human. I'll reveal all her secrets in the next couple of volumes.



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